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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 23, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.